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1. The reply filed on 12/18/2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s).

The amendment filed 12/18/2001 is not in compliance with 37 CFR section 1.121(c)(1)(I) (see Federal Register September 8, 2000). 37 CFR section 1.121(c)(1)(I) states that an amended claim needs to specify that it has been amended and how many times it has been amended (*A parenthetical expression should follow the claim number indicating the status of the claim as amended or newly added ...*). While claim 1 indicates that said claim has been twice amended, said claim is actually thrice amended (eg. it was previously amended in the amendments filed 8/7/2000 and 4/30/2001). This error needs to be corrected.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 at (703) 308-4242.

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